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4 January 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: ^{Acting}~~Deputy~~ Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Name Change

1. In keeping with discussions that I have had with you and the DCI, I request your formal approval to change the name of this component from National Foreign Assessment Center back to the Directorate of Intelligence (DDI). I also would propose that my position designation be changed from Director, National Foreign Assessment Center/Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment to Deputy Director for Intelligence.

2. I believe that the NFAC designation has led to over-emphasis on the community role of the directorate and has diverted attention from needed internal improvements in the quality and relevance of intelligence analysis. I also believe that the NFAC title has conveyed the appearance of an intelligence directorate somehow detached or separate from CIA that was unhealthy for CIA and for the Directorate, and was confusing to outsiders as well. This directorate is an integral element of CIA and should be clearly perceived as such. I believe that this name change will not inhibit the DDI or me whatsoever from performing whatever community role or services of common concern to the community that you or the DCI should assign.

3. Recommendation: That you approve the name and position changes described in paragraph 1, effectively immediately.

APPROVED


Robert M. Gates

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